

The Commodity Markets Transparency and Accountability Act takes bold steps to curb excessive speculation that may be contributing to the hardships American families are facing today. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL CAMPUS SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1288, establishing September as National Campus Safety Awareness Month. Every college and university student should have the opportunity for a quality education on a campus where he or she feels safe and comfortable. We need to support efforts by our nation's higher education institutions to improve safety on our campuses.

National Campus Safety Awareness Month will encourage institutions to participate in endeavors to increase campus safety. September, one of the first months back to school, is a perfect time to remind college and university students about the importance of campus and personal safety. During the month of September and throughout the year, colleges and universities will be motivated to inform students about critical campus issues like sexual assault, drug and alcohol abuse, hazing, and stalking. Schools will be encouraged to use preventative programming to address potential problems early. By increasing knowledge and prevention of these issues, I know students can receive the valuable educational experience they deserve. I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1288.

APOLOGIZING FOR THE ENSLAVEMENT AND RACIAL SEGREGATION OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 194, "Apologizing for the enslavement and racial segregation of African-Americans," introduced by my distinguished colleague from Tennessee, Representative STEVE COHEN, of which I am a cosponsor. This important legislation expresses Congress's remorse for America's past treatment of African-Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I know that many would think it a non-issue to address the events of over 135 years ago, but the legacy of slavery and racial segregation continues to have a profound impact on American society. The social and economic disparity lives on, as do hatred, bias, and discrimination. The consequences of the slave trade have been profound and the scars that it produced still have not healed. Despite two centuries of progress, the African American community continues to feel the impact of slavery and subsequent years of racism

and persecution. Our fight for equality and against injustice against all must continue.

We must recognize and in some small way try to rectify our past. As the famous saying goes, "those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." This Bill will serve as a testimony to the great injustices that African-Americans suffered at the hands of the United States, and subsequently allow Members of Congress to learn from the past in order to not repeat similar injustices in the future.

The United States today serves as a moral compass for the rest of the world and as such we must provide a voice for race issues. Our willingness to confront our Nation's past and to address the impact which slavery and racial segregation have had on our society strengthens our undeterred commitment to serving as an advocate for human rights and freedom in the international community.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of H.R. 194, "Apologizing for the enslavement and racial segregation of African-Americans." This legislation acknowledges the fundamental injustice, cruelty, brutality, and inhumanity of slavery and racial segregation in the United States. By doing so, the United States will remember our Nation's wrongdoings in order to not repeat our mistakes.

TRIBUTE HONORING CORPORAL LAWRENCE A. BERGER

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Corporal Lawrence A. Berger, a man who valiantly served our country in World War II and a patriot who is well deserving of the recognition he will be receiving when he is awarded his upcoming Purple Heart.

Corporal Berger was born on July 13th, 1922 in San Antonio, Texas. He graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1940 and a year later, Mr. Berger joined the Army Air Corp, 440th Ordnance Aviation Bombardment, attached to the 19th bomb group, stationed in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

On October 1941, he was sent to the Philippines, arriving just two weeks before the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. Later, after the service organizations were forced to surrender, he spent a total of 3 years and 3 months as a prisoner of war. Two years were spent in a camp on the Island of Mindanao in the Philippines, and later he was transported to Japan where he spent another year before his release in August 1945.

Mr. Berger's service tells an honorable story of sacrifice and bravery. He epitomizes the word hero and is undoubtedly worthy of the recognition he is receiving with the Purple Heart award. Mr. Berger, his wife Virginia, and their three children Ron, Vernon, and Paulette, should all be very proud of all that his military career symbolizes and the principles for which he fought—for liberty, democracy, and equality. I am honored to call him a constituent and on behalf of my colleagues here in Congress I thank him and his family for their service, sacrifice, and valor.

IN HONOR OF JOE FARROW

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Joe Farrow, the esteemed commissioner of the California Highway Patrol. Farrow, appointed earlier this year by Governor Schwarzenegger, has taken the reigns of one of the largest law enforcement agencies in the nation. His fervent dedication is evident through the great strides he has made in insuring the safety of California's roadways, and his work is worthy of commendation.

Though Farrow is new to the leadership position, he is very familiar with the CHP's mission of safety, service, and security. Farrow began his career with the CHP as a cadet and has since worked his way through the chain of command, leaving his indelible mark every step of the way.

Having grown up in Pacific Grove, California, he is committed to connecting the local community with what many see as just another disengaged state government agency.

Farrow's ability to relate with both those he leads and those he serves has been a beneficial asset to the areas of California that have been damaged by the recent wildfires. When highways are temporarily closed due to the fires, the CHP has the duty of redirecting traffic to alternate routes. Farrow maintains an equal balance of good judgment and compassion for those people whose lives have been touched by the fires.

Before taking his post as commissioner, Farrow was instrumental in implementing several highway safety programs throughout California. Most recently, the Safety and Farm Vehicle Education (SAFE) program led to an immediate and drastic decrease in the number of farm workers' injuries or deaths resulting from unsafe transportation to and from the fields.

Madam Speaker, Farrow is deserving of recognition for his years of service with the CHP. Please join me in honoring Joe Farrow for his contribution to highway safety, as well as congratulating him on his new position as commissioner of the CHP.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANN KUTSCHER

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this opportunity to congratulate Ms. Ann Kutscher on being Empowered Woman of the Present by Missouri GFWC members.

Ms. Kutscher has dedicated her life to service. In addition to her committed efforts in the 4th Congressional District's Jefferson City office, her accomplishments include 22 years of leadership as President of the Missouri Girls Town Board and many other community service organizations. Her award was announced at the Mississippi Valley Regional Conference in Bloomington, MN.

Madam Speaker, I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in congratulating Ms. Kutscher for her achievement and in wishing her luck in all her future endeavors.